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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Phan, et al.
Appl. No. : 10/087,549
Filed For : February 28, 2002
: METHODS FOR DECREASING
: NON-SPECIFIC BINDING OF
: BEADS IN DUAL BEAD
: ASSAYS INCLUDING RELATED
: OPTICAL BIODISCS AND DISC
: DRIVE SYSTEMS
Examiner : Betty J. Forman
Group Art Unit : 1634

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on June 21, 2005, in connection with the above identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.